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Dear Sirs;

In reference to Petition #04-160, brought forth by the National Association of Broadcasters. I URGE you to REJECT this proposal on the basis of it's lack of merit !!

Satellite radio, both Sirius and XM Radio, are subscription services. The subscriber pays the required monthly fees for the offerings available. The XM Radio currently has among it's offerings, "Instant Traffic and Weather". This service alone makes the entire monthly fee worthwhile. As an over-the-road truck driver, I have had several occasions to use THIS INVALUABLE SERVICE. In several instances, it saved me valuable time in avoiding traffic conjection and severe inclement weather when crossing the Rocky Mountains, enroute to the west coast.

With XM Radio's subscribership approaching 1,300,000, it should be safe to say that 50% of these subscribers are truck drivers, in one form or another. The 'over-the-road' portion of the of the career driving force depend on this service on a daily basis; in some cases, on an hour-by-hour basis.

In closing, I'd like to point out that local AM and FM stations, by definition, CANNOT PROVIDE any service coming close to XM Radio's nationwide capabilities. were these tools removed as others have been in the past, one can only imagine the detrimental affect on the nation's commerce, both intra- and interstate.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joe Hart